

single state west of the Missouri river. Remember that party will not get a single vote south of Mason and Dixon's line. Remember that it cannot hope to carry either New York, Indiana, or Illinois, and, remembering all this, tell me how in the name of sense we are to elect the next president in 1896 on the Minneapolis platform as interpreted by the republican party in this congress.

This being so, why hesitate; why beat around the bush; why prevaricate; why seek men's votes under false pretenses? Why not as a party organize upon the lines of the free coinage of silver and high protection, unify the party East, West, North and South, and go forward to a grand and glorious victory in 1896?

Oh, man! What is the matter with you that you can't see this? What is the matter with the leaders of the republican party that they won't see it? Why will they tarry longer in dalliance with the Shermans and Harrison and that whole brood of pestiferous, miserable, double-dealing hypocrites who have been only too willing to do the bidding of their English masters on this money question?

Oh, Dick, write me that my interpretation of your speech is all wrong. Write me that if you are elected to congress you will vote for legislation which will place silver back where it was before the crime of 1873, and subsequent legislation relative thereto was enacted into law. At least, that you will do this so far as the American product is concerned, and no man in Kansas will throw his hat higher and yell longer than myself for you.

I don't want to see an old soldier like yourself beaten by a man whose hands are red with blood of your comrades and mine, but I would rather see him elected if he is right on this question than to see you elected while wrong on it.

Don't fail me in this matter. On the platform made for you, you have a chance to again touch elbows with the masses against the classes. For you or the party now to falter on this question is worse than political suicide.

Remember the fate of the old whig party when it faltered on the slavery question. Get your ears close to the grass roots, for as sure as there was a God in Israel, so sure you and those who think as you do will dig a political grave for yourself and republicanism in this country.

Hoping and trusting that I shall hear from you in favor of the free coinage of the American product of silver under the law as it existed prior to the crime of 1873, I am, very truly,

W. P. HACKNEY.

P. S.—I read the namby-pamby, wish-awahy, double-dealing, deceitful and disgusting imbecile financial mouthings of Morrill made at the same time. A lot of twaddle that a school boy of ten years would have more sense than to utter.

But he has no vote in congress, was not worth a damn when there, and won't be if elected governor; an ASS spelled with capital letters. Nobody with any brains expects better from him—a banker.

But you without a roof to shelter you, a man as poor as any of us, with a vote on this very question if elected—that is quite another thing, and such nonsense will not go down any more.

If you want our votes, I mean men who think as I do, you must agree to represent us. If you are going to represent Morrill and his gang of English tools and lickspittles, go with them.

W. P. H.

HACKNEY TO BOND.

WINFIELD, KAN., June 27, 1894.

Hon. T. L. Bond, Salina, Kansas:

DEAR SIR:—I note in the Topeka Capital that when asked if you had turned Populist you replied, "Yes, as far as voting for Harris is concerned."

I hope that you and every other loyal republican in Kansas will withhold your votes from Morrill and Blue. They begged a nomination at the hands of the republican convention and promised to stand squarely upon any platform which we might make.

The convention stood at least three-fourths for silver and consented to the first half of the money plank because of the crazy quilt platforms then made in the seven congressional districts, and in the interest of harmony we silver men consented to the platform as made with the distinct understanding that Morrill and Blue, both known gold-bugs, would abide thereby. I thought then and know now that it was bad policy to make silver platforms and put gold-bugs thereon, but the convention thought otherwise, just as republican conventions have been doing so long that we are out of power everywhere. Yet I had hoped that Morrill and Blue, seeing the handwriting on the wall would profit thereby; but it seems that my fear that they would not is well grounded, because they at once made haste to get on the program at Kansas City, Kan., on Saturday evening, the 16th, and promptly repudiated our platform upon which they were nominated and became more pronounced in favor of the continuation of present conditions than ever.

And no matter what other republicans may do, as for myself I have put up with such conduct just as long as I intend to, and I shall refuse my vote to either of them. They don't deserve any Kansans' vote.

We are now as a people bound hand and foot by the money power and that power is in England and not here, except as that power acts through its agents here, and any party that seeks to continue us upon a gold basis, where we find ourselves to-day through somebody's villiany (because no party or man has ever been delegated by the people to perpetuate the foul wrong) ought not to receive the vote of any man who loves his country.

For some time I have been doubtful if the people will ever get relief from the republican party, and I am now satisfied that as the leadership of that party is now constituted we can expect nothing from it, and for one I shall refuse my support to the parties named, and it may become necessary if crowded by their henchmen to explain to the people fully why republicans should all do this in order to teach leaders (so-called) common sense, and by defeat force them to do the will of their masters—the people—rather than to play masters themselves.

I wrote Blue a letter on the 18th in hopes that he would modify his utterances of the 16th, and give men who think as I do a chance to support him, but I got no reply thereto and now expect none, and I send you a copy of that letter, and you are authorized to use that and this as your judgment dictates. You know and I know that this country is being slowly and surely dominated by English influences. Our shipping has been driven from every sea, under laws made here in the interest of English seamen. Our transportation has been wrested from us on the land through the foreclosure of mortgages held by foreigners, and the holdings of our own people therein wrested from them and they

rendered homeless and homeless because our finances are so manipulated by law that England and her allies can make money plenty or scarce, just as her interests dictate, and unless we awaken from our thralldom we will in twenty-five years more become a dependency of Great Britain, because that country which controls our commerce on land and sea will in time control us. Her agents, voluntary or paid, control both branches of this congress and the executive and judicial departments of this nation as well, and Morrill and Blue, wittingly or unwittingly, are their allies for the perpetuation of that infamous rule, and for one, I will submit thereto no longer. I am not yet prepared to abandon the cherished memories of a life time association in the grand old republican party made famous by Lincoln, Morton, Trumbull, Doan, Little, Zach Chandler, Jim Lane, Ben Wade and glorious, old Thad Stevens, who so pathetically told us whither we were drifting and warned us, but we would not.

These men and their compatriots are all dead except Trumbull, and he driven into retirement by the leaders of to-day, the Quays, the Harrisons, the Shermans, and such creatures as that fellow from Montana, who is chairman of the national republican committee—I can't recall his name—men who have driven us from power; this whole brood of political parasites, pismires and toadstools with Clevelandism, must be overthrown, or the sun of American prosperity has set to rise no more forever. Yours truly,

W. P. HACKNEY.

RUDE TO BREIDENTHAL.

BURDEN, KAN., June 30, 1894.

Hon. J. W. Breidenthal, Chairman State Central Committee of the Populist Party, Topeka, Kansas.

DEAR SIR:—As an old-time republican who was a member of the late republican state convention from Cowley county, I want to say that I have hoped against hope until patience has ceased to be a virtue.

As I read the history of my country I note how English laws passed by the American congress have driven from every sea the American flag and the commerce of America upon the ocean is now in control of English seamen. I have seen the American farmer and artisan pauperized by the enactment of laws which placed us upon a single gold basis; this surreptitiously done without a man or woman in America, either in congress or out, daring to admit that they were favorable to it, while all parties at all times, as well as their editors and speakers, proclaim themselves bimetalists.

In the late state convention the republican party declared for a straddle that didn't mean anything, and then to emphasize its want of candor and good faith promptly nominated Morrill and Blue, one a national banker and the other a willing tool and henchman of of that influence, one for governor and the other congressman-at-large.

I have seen in the congress of the United States an almost solid republican party cast its vote with Grover Cleveland for a continuation of the gold basis, in the face of a positive declaration favorable to bimetalism made in the Minneapolis platform of the national convention.

I have seen the interests of the people, their prosperity, peace and happiness trampled under foot by both the republican and democratic parties, manipulated in such a way by English influences as to destroy every effort to undo the wrong of 1873, by bumping the heads of these two parties together on the question of high protection on the one hand and free trade on the other, ending

always in legislation which protected capital and left bare down for every mercenary hireling of Europe to come into this country and by competition reduce the wages of labor to the verge of pauperism; and after Morrill's and Blue's nomination on that platform which declared for the coinage of the American product I witness their haste to rush to Kansas City, Kansas, on the 16th of this month in order to declare themselves, as they then and there did, above and beyond that platform, and for a continuation of the Grover Cleveland gold bug idea that to-day dominates both the republican parties of this nation; and I sadly turn my eyes from the grand old republican party of the past, to the contemplation of that party as manipulated by the Shermans, Quays and Harrisons of to-day and I am forced to the conclusion that the poor and oppressed of my species in this country of ours need expect no relief at the hands of this gang; and while I am not prepared to endorse all of the declarations of the Populist party, yet its vote in congress on this money question convinces me that it can be trusted so far as that question is concerned; and I here and now notify you, and through you your party, and all others as well, that in this campaign so far as I am concerned, I shall vote the Populist ticket from head to heel, saving and excepting my right to vote for any personal friend on the republican ticket in this county that shall be nominated.

I was in Winfield on the 27th and Hon. W. P. Hackney read me a letter written by him to Blue on this very question, a letter which he informed me had received no reply, and I asked from him and obtained a copy which I enclose herewith, and I also obtained from him a copy of a letter written by him to Hon. T. L. Bond at Salina which I enclose herewith, and you are authorized to use all of them as you see fit. Yours truly,

T. J. RUDE, M. D.

Another Republican Weary.

[The writer of the following letter to the Osborne County News has been heretofore a republican, is the head of the mercantile firm of Morton & Parsons, of Osborne, Kan., has been three times elected mayor of the city and is now serving his third term. Like many another good republican he is very weary of republican rule as will appear from his letter.—Ed.]

MOB VS. INDIVIDUAL.

In an editorial pointing out the danger existing from mob law as exemplified in the actions of the "common-wealers," the coal strikers and "tramps" generally, the Farmer of last week has this to say in conclusion:

"Our deliberate judgment is that the people should send to Washington a congress with the patriotism and courage to grapple with these alarming conditions—a congress that will hurl back into the ocean of expired devils the cursed doctrine of states' rights, where the results of the late war logically placed it—a congress that will make every anarchist in this country a wearer of a rope necktie, an inmate of a prison or a resident of another country—a congress with brains enough to detect existing frailties in our governmental system and to supply national legislation along various lines where it is needed. Better by far it is to adopt this plan, insure the public tranquility and maintain at their present minimum strength our small army and navy than to let thrive the venomous viper of treason until every state shall become the home of a division or corps of national troops and oppressive taxation and vice unrestrained become the rule of action."

The Farmer speaks well in saying "Our deliberate judgment is that the

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